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In the Application of:)
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Berghofer and Rothmann)
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For: Sulfinic Acid Derivatives and Their)
Preparation and Use)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box New Patent Application
Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments before examination on the merits.

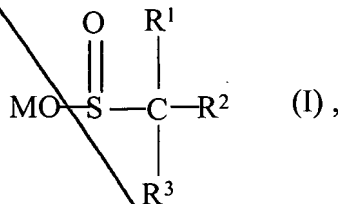
AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 20-22.

Please amend claims 1-18 as follows:

1. (Amended) A sulfinic acid compound of the formula (I)



and the salt thereof, wherein

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